

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 14. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Below Average	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	29.7	60.0	58.8	39.5	42.8	52.3
• Passed 2 subtests	35.1	24.0	26.5	26.3	23.4	22.0
• Passed 1 subtest	24.3	12.0	8.8	18.7	19.8	14.3
• Passed no subtests	10.8	4.0	5.9	15.4	14.1	11.4

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	3.1%	3.9%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	3.1%	4.4%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	56.3%	32.6%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	91.2%	3.1%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	N/A	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	91.2%	3.7%	
Gender			
Male	90.9%	0.0%	
Female	91.3%	5.0%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	89.7%	3.3%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	100.0%	0.0%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	88.0%	4.3%	
Pay for lunch	100.0%	0.0%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	94.3%
Completers placed	66.7%
Eligible students enrolled	47.9%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,617	N/A	\$6,222	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.4%	Up from 88.2%	88.0%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	18.4 to 1	N/A	21.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=190)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	N/A	N/A	0.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.7%	95.3%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.6%	Down from 10.7%	12.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=16)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	12.7 Days	Up from 11.6	8.2 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.9%	95.2%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	43.8%	Up from 35.7%	43.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	68.8%	No change	75.0%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	6.3%	Up from 0.0%	6.1%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	76.7%	Up from 76.1%	79.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$32,334	Up 1.1%	\$36,005	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.9%	Down from 4.9%	2.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	46.7%	N/A	57.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	17.0	N/A	1.5	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	51.9%	N/A	51.9%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	15.3%	Down from 16.9%	15.3%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	23	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	N/A	2.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	0.0%	N/A	13.0%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	35.8%	N/A	6.9%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	91	N/A	299	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	88.9%	N/A	11.7%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Britton's Neck High School is one of two schools in Marion School District #4 located in the rural lower section of Marion County. The curriculum at Britton's Neck High School is organized into college preparatory and Tech Prep phases.

The major strengths in our system are the small class sizes, totally committed, imaginative and creative teachers, inter-class visitation policy, team work, and technology in every classroom. "Committed to Excellence" is our school motto. We are offering our students a character education/service learning which has a positive impact.

Our fully automated library has been very beneficial to our Language Arts Department in maximizing the Electronic Bookshelf to the fullest. We also offer distance learning courses to further challenge our students.

We use the integrated approach in our Gifted and Talented Program which serves eligible students in grades 7-12. The integrated approach is used across the curriculum. A consultant taught an intense reading course; therefore, every teacher is a reading teacher. Our math and science teachers are receiving staff development throughout the year. Our math teachers are receiving additional support and staff development from the Pee Dee HUB.

To better meet the needs of our students scoring below the 50th percentile in 7th and 8th grades, we offer a Summer School Program and an Alliance for Rural Kids (ARK) Program.

We offer an Advanced Placement Program for college bound students in the areas of language arts and calculus with an intensified program of study. Students passing the examination of these courses will receive college credit.

The faculty and staff of Britton's Neck High School work extremely hard to ensure that all our students are provided the best education possible, in preparation for life after graduation.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	47.4	62.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	73.7	75.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	26.3	87.5	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 7-12 High School

Enrollment: 190 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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